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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 8 is a diagram 300 illustrating the operation of one implementation embodying the map and fashion components. First, a user interface is created (step 301). The user interface includes a map component 304, a fashion component 306 and one or more properties files 308. Before the user interface is executed, a binding process 302 combines the map, fashion and property files into an executable ready form. During operation, the process 300 uses the fashion components to interpret the property files (step 310). Additionally, the map components can be used to interpret various selection events generated by the user (step 312). Further, the map components can be used to interpret the property files (step 316).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

During operation, the application can query a database, which can be resident with a host application or can be accessed remotely. In response, the database can provide information indicating the availability of different map components and fashion components. In one implementation, the identification of a server that will handle the query is provided in the query. Based on the response, an initial selection of the map component 104 and the fashion component 108 is made based on the query response. The selection can also be based on locale, which customizes the selection based on the geographic location of the user.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 9 shows a process 320 that is executed in one embodiment of the invention is shown. First, an application program is initiated (step 322). The execution of the program generates one or more queries directed at a database enquiring as to the availability of maps, fashions and

locale (step 324). Next, a responsive database generates various environment variables and preferences, which are sent back to the application program (step 326). Next, the application program selects a map component (step 328). The application program then selects and loads a fashion component (step 330). Finally, a locale is selected and loaded (step 332). Next the user interface is created ~~user~~ (step 324) and presented to the user (step 336). During this presentation, the fashion component uses the locale to localize data presented to the user (step 338). Further, the program and/or business logic information contained in the map component is used to either change the map component itself or the fashion component (step 340). From step 336, the user can choose another map, fashion or locale (step 342).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 10 shows apparatus associated with the process of Fig. 9. First, a remote database containing map components, fashion components and locale information is connected to a network 410. In addition to the map, fashion and locale information in the database 402, a property file can be contained in a second database 404 that is connected to the network 410.